

town, are hereby legalized, and the same are declared as valid and binding as the same would have been had the law in all respects been complied with, as to its organization, extension of its limits, and the passage and recording of its ordinances; but that this act shall not affect any matters now in litigation.
Approved March 27, 1902.

CHAPTER 236.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STANWOOD.

H. F. 326.

AN ACT to legalize the acts of the independent school district of Stanwood, Cedar county, Iowa, in voting bonds at a special election held September 16, 1901, for the rebuilding of a schoolhouse in said independent school district and to enable such district to issue such bonds and to validate all the official acts and proceedings of the board of directors of said school district relative thereto.

WHEREAS, The school building of the independent school district of Stanwood, Cedar county, Iowa, was destroyed by fire on the 20th day of August, 1901; and,

WHEREAS, On the 16th day of September, 1901, the electors of said district, at a special election, voted bonds to the amount of eight thousand five hundred (\$8500.00) dollars to rebuild said house, there being at said meeting 106 votes cast in favor of the proposition and 5 against; and,

WHEREAS, On the 23rd day of October, 1901, the board of directors of said school district let the contract for the building of said house and afterwards, to wit, on or about the 8th day of February, 1902, it was discovered that said school district, on the date that said special meeting was held and bonds voted, could not legally contract an indebtedness above five thousand seven hundred and eighty-two (\$5782.00) dollars and that said district in voting to issue bonds to the amount of eight thousand five hundred (\$8500.00) dollars exceeded its legal authority in the sum of two thousand seven hundred and eighteen (\$2718.00) dollars; and,

WHEREAS, The said contract has been partly performed and unless said special meeting and official acts and proceedings of said board, relative thereto, are legalized and made valid, said independent school district will suffer irreparable loss; and,

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of said special meeting and of the said bonds voted to be issued and of the official acts and proceedings of said board of directors relative thereto, on account of the electors of said independent school district at said special meeting voting bonds in excess of legal authority in the sum of two thousand seven hundred and eighteen (\$2718.00) dollars and because of alleged informalities in the proposals and advertising for bids for the erection of said school building and in giving notice of said special election and in the contract let for the building of said schoolhouse and in the form of the ballots used at the special meeting in submitting the question of voting bonds: [therefore]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. **Legalized and validated.** That the special election and the vote for the issue of bonds to the amount of eight thousand five hundred (\$8500.00) dollars had and held by the independent school district of Stanwood, Cedar county, Iowa, on the 16th day of September, 1901, for the rebuilding of the school house in said district and all the official acts and proceedings of the board of directors of said district relative thereto, be and the same is hereby legalized and made valid as fully as though all the requirements of the law leading up to, and necessary thereto, had been followed in every respect and particular and in full compliance with the law, and the board of

directors of said independent district are hereby enabled and empowered to issue bonds to the amount of eight thousand five hundred (\$8500.00) dollars.

SEC. 2. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force and take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register, and the Stanwood Herald, newspapers published respectively at Des Moines and Stanwood, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved March 27, 1902.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act was published in the Iowa State Register March 28, 1902, and the Stanwood Herald, April 3, 1902.

W. B. MARTIN,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 237.

CONVEYANCES OF REAL ESTATE BY HUSBAND OR WIFE.

S. F. 157.

AN ACT to validate certain conveyances of real estate in which the husband or wife conveyed the inchoate right of dower of the other spouse.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Conveyances legalized. No conveyance of real estate heretofore made, wherein the husband or wife conveyed or contracted to convey the inchoate right of dower of the other spouse, acting as the attorney in fact, by virtue of a power of attorney executed by each spouse, such power of attorney not having been executed as a part of a contract of separation, shall be held invalid as contravening the provisions of section three thousand one hundred and fifty-four (3154) of the code, but all such conveyances are hereby legalized and made effective.

SEC. 2. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader, newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved March 31, 1902.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act was published in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader, April 2, 1902.

W. B. MARTIN,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 238.

CONTRACT MADE BY TOWN OF SPIRIT LAKE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER.

H. F. 407.

AN ACT to legalize the contract made by the incorporated town of Spirit Lake, Iowa, for the construction of a sewer therein and for the levy of a tax of five mills made by said town in payment therefor.

WHEREAS, The town of Spirit Lake in Dickinson county, Iowa, did on the 13th day of July A. D. 1901 make a written contract for the construction of a sewer in said town which sewer has been completed in accordance therewith, and did on the 2nd day of September A. D. 1901 levy a sewer tax of five mills on the dollar for the purpose of paying therefor, and whereas doubts have arisen as to the legality of said levy, [therefore]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Contract and tax levy legalized. That the making of said contract for the construction of said sewer and the levy of said tax to provide